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CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS SPECIAL ZONING REQUESTS

by Virginia Beauchamp

Two requests for special zoning exceptions raised the same question in the minds of city council members at the special meeting on Wednesday, December 11. This question involved the effect the new construction might have on future development of nearby land parcels. In the first instance, a request by the American Legion to build an addition on the Legion Home was unanimously approved. But council, after a long period of anguish, deferred decision on a request by representatives of the Lutheran Church for favorable consideration of the use of their present church site on Ridge Rd. for a 200-bed nursing home.

The church plans to sell their land, conditional on zoning change, to a private investor group who would build and operate the home as a profit-making business not connected with the Lutheran Church.

Emphasizing the need for legal advice concerning any ramifications of the Lutheran proposal, council asked the church group to withdraw their petition from the scheduled Dec. 17th hearing before the District Council (the County Commissioners) to allow time for the Advisory Planning Board and GHI, as well as council itself, to study the proposal in detail. Councilman William Hoff expressed the apparently unanimous view of the group when he stated that if he were forced to vote "tonight" he would have to vote in the negative.

In actuality, any decision by council could have only an advisory effect on the Tuesday hearing, although a favorable action by council should assist the petition. In any case, the Lutheran representatives agreed to council's request for postponement. (A postponement till January 15 was subsequently agreed to by District Council.)

Addition for Legion

Wayne Roberts, spokesman for the American Legion, presented architectural drawings showing a 30-by-100-foot addition on the west end of the current building and a 22-foot extension of the north end. The former would accommodate a lounge, kitchen, storage room, and offices. The second would increase the size of the present main hall. The expansion is needed, Roberts pointed out, because the Legion membership has doubled (from 400 to 800 members) since the present building was last enlarged.

In answer to a question raised by Lakeside Citizens Association president, George Beauchamp, concerning any possible effect of this change on future petitions for rezoning of adjacent parcel 15, Roberts explained that the Legion had no intention to change the purpose of the property. There would be "no commercialization whatsoever," he stated. Since the existence of the Legion had not

been considered a factor by the District Council for rezoning of Parcel 15 in a previous hearing, members of the city council felt that the same situation would apply should a new petition for rezoning come before the District Council after completion of the Legion addition.

LATE REPORT

The District Council on Tuesday, Dec. 17, approved the request of the Greenbelt American Legion for a special exception to construct an addition to the Post home. It also approved a request by Brae Brooke Village for permission to construct extra bedroom units.

On the grounds that no complaints had ever come to the city from adjacent residents concerning the Legion's operations and that the new addition would undoubtedly make the property more attrac-

tive, council unanimously approved the request for special exception. The motion, however, included the provision, inserted by Mayor Edgar L. Smith, that this approval in no way endorsed a change in the character of the use of the present facility nor any change in zoning.

Lutheran Proposal

No one present could deny however that the Lutheran proposal, if approved, would alter drastically the use of the church property on Ridge Rd., nor that its purpose would be anything but a private business, albeit a public service facility. What possible effect this change might have on nearby parcels 1 and 2 was a question no one present at the meeting felt competent to answer. Comments of worry and concern dominated council's approach to the petition.

The Lutheran membership, now building a new sanctuary on Greenbelt Rd. opposite Lakecrest Drive, must sell their former property in order to finance the new construction. Furthermore, the sale of the Ridge Rd. property has become a matter of pressing concern, the Rev. Mr. Edward H. Birner noted, in order for the church to meet impending financial obligations. After having been turned down by both the city of Greenbelt and GHI as possible purchasers of the property, the Lutherans had offered it on the open market and had concluded an agreement to sell it to a corporation of which Robert Johnson, described by Lutheran representative Arthur Green as an "investment counselor," would own about a 75% interest. Johnson did not appear at the meeting and is unknown to council.

Architectural Design

A design for the 200-bed nursing home was presented to council by architect Ronald Senseman. A specialist in the design of nursing homes and hospitals (including a new nursing home on Good Luck Rd and 30-year-old Leland Memorial Hospital in Hyattsville), Senseman showed plans for a long, low structure with a one-story elevation along Ridge Rd. At the rear, where the hill slopes away, the building would have two stories. Designed with vertical divisions made by separated dormer windows the building was reminiscent in appearance of a row of townhouses and could be considered to harmonize with the GHI dwellings in the neighborhood.

The structure would have a total of 95 bedrooms. Of these 15 would be private, 74 would hold two beds, one would hold three, and three would be multi-bed rooms. In addition, there would be one room for special care and one for intensive care. Square footage of the building is approximately 56,800.

Additional Land

To build a facility of this size, however, the developers would have to increase the acreage of the Lutheran site by purchase of an additional two acres to the east. This property, a section of Parcel 2, is now zoned RPC (rural planned community).

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Sorry About That

The News Review regrets any inconvenience caused its readers by the late arrival or shortage of papers during the past two months. Your newspaper boy was in no way responsible for this problem.

Jaycees Seeking Greenbelt's OYM

The Greenbelt Jaycees are conducting their annual search for Greenbelt's Outstanding Young Man, a project chaired this year by George Bruno, 27C Parkway. Last year's selection for the award was Wallace H. Cohen, SHL.

Residents are invited to nominate any male resident of Greenbelt, aged 21-35, for the award; he need not be a Jaycee to be nominated. Emphasized in the award criteria are community service and achievement in his profession.

Nominations may be made by telephoning the following numbers: George Bruno, 345-2372; Gregory White, 345-2145 (home) or 552-1900 (office). Residents are requested to place their nominations prior to December 25.

NEWS REVIEW DEADLINE

The deadline for submission of News Review copy and advertising will be on Monday nights (December 23 and 30) for the next two weeks of holidays, instead of Tuesday as usual.

HOLIDAY TRASH

Because there will be no trash service on Christmas and New Year's and because the extra heavy holiday trash load will slow down collection schedules, only two collections a week will be scheduled the weeks of Christmas and New Year's for residential customers.

Regular Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Holiday Schedule

Monday, Thursday
Tuesday, Friday
Saturday will be reserved to finish any routes not completed on Thursday or Friday if any.

Special Holiday

Trash Receptacle

For residents who may accumulate more holiday trash than they know what to do with, a special trash enclosure will be temporarily erected on the parking lot to the rear of the statue (near Candy Cane City) in the commercial center for the disposal of any household trash.

APB Elects New Officers

The departure from Greenbelt and consequent resignation of two officers from the Advisory Planning Board resulted in a special meeting of the APB on December 3, at which a new slate of officers were elected. First to resign was former chairman, Ed Wuermser, who has moved to Texas. His resignation was followed by that of acting chairman, Wally Cohen, who is moving to Belair.

Assuming the title of chairman in the newly re-organized Board is Lawrence Goldberger of Springhill Lake. He returns to the Board after a year's leave of absence for further schooling. Vice-chairman is Norris ("Jerry") Jenkins, of Boxwood Village. Two new members have recently been appointed to fill out the membership of the Board—Steve Polaschik, 12-D Ridge, and Charles Collins, Lake-wood. Other members are Burt Jarman, Charlestowne Village, and Robert O'Brien, Boxwood.

Bresler Ordered to Convey 3-Acre Tract to Greenbelt

Circuit Court Judge Perry G. Bowen, Jr., on Tuesday, December 17, ordered local developer Charles S. Bresler to convey the 3.3 acres of the Charlestowne tract to the city of Greenbelt, as promised in an agreement signed by the developer and his wife, Fleur, in April 1962. The agreement had been entered into in exchange for city support of apartment zoning for the 50-acre Charlestowne tract, now the site of Charlestowne Village, Charlestowne North, and University Square Apartments.

According to Judge Bowen, the city lived up to its part of the agreement, but Bresler did not.

The case had been pending since last spring after Maryland's Court of Appeals ruled in December 1967 that the agreement was legal and valid.

Defendant Bresler, through his attorney, Abraham Chasanow, argued that the city had breached the agreement when it refused to permit Bresler to construct a swimming pool on the 3.3 acres and started warehouse construc-

tion on a piece of property (parcel 10) adjacent to the parkland near the lake. The agreement provided that the defendant would be permitted to erect recreational facilities on the 3.3 acres, subject to council approval, and that the conveyance would be void if existing parkland adjacent to the lake were used for any purpose other than public park and recreational area.

Judge Bowen, in his opinion, said that he saw no merit to the contentions of the defendant. "Both seem to the Court," he said, "to be the most flimsily constructed straws grasped at by the defendant to avoid the last of its obligations under its agreement with the city to recommend this zoning."

The agreement, the judge said, does not refer to a swimming pool and the testimony indicated that all parties — Bresler, the city council, and adjacent residents — mutually agreed to shift the swimming pool away from the 3.3 acres at a meeting of May 17, 1965. As for the warehouse construction, he ruled that the acquisition of parcel 10 in 1967 did not meet the definition of "existing" parkland as contained in the 1962 agreement.

When asked why he didn't convey the 3.3 acres to the city, Bresler said that he preferred to grant a scenic easement on the land since he had no assurances from the city that the land would be preserved for parkland. Judge Bowen suggested that he convey the land and find out whether the city would live up to its part of the agreement. Bowen added that from the record it would appear that the real reason for the non-conveyance was the need of the developer for the 3.3 acres to support the high-density construction in the area.

Another contention by the defendant was that the city failed to bring timely action. The agreement provided that the 3.3 acres would be conveyed by August 6, 1964, but the city's suit was not filed until May 1966. City Solicitor Emmett H. Nanna Jr., introduced evidence into the record the city's numerous attempts to have the agreement carried out and the developer's promises to abide by the agreement. He particularly alluded to the May 17, 1965, meeting where, he said, Bresler promised the city council in person that the land would be conveyed within four or five months.

Judge Bowen said that it sounded to him that Bresler's argument regarding the delay in filing was based on an assumption that the city should have anticipated that he would have violated his promises.

The city's other case dealing with the Charlestowne tract — a bill of complaint seeking injunctive relief against the construction of 21 additional apartment units was postponed until February.

Christmas Tree Burning

On January 4, 1969, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department will conduct its annual Christmas tree burning. The trees will be collected at the following places: Ivy Lane at Lastner, North End School, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Center School, Lakeside Drive at the swimming pool, Brae Brook apartments and Chelsea Woods apartments; they may also be brought to the fire house on Crescent Road. The trees will be burned at the station at 7 p.m. A movie will be shown for the children at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Remember to make your Christmas and New Year a fire safe one!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The last day of classes before the holidays for the pupils and teachers in Prince George's County public schools will be Friday, December 20. Schools will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 1969 and will be closed on January 20, 1969, Inauguration Day.

LWV Calendars Available

If you want to contact your local rescue squad, an electrical inspector, the Homemaker's Club, Fair Housing or the Recreation Department, the League of Women Voters can help you. In the newly designed League calendar for 1969, there are more than 130 telephone numbers directing you to specific kinds of information or assistance. This is an attempt to help guide Prince George's residents toward "survival in suburbia."

Contained on three sheets at the front of the calendar is material indispensable to those seeking information about voter registration requirements, elected officials and how to address them in letters, and the structure of Prince George's County government.

The calendar itself is large and clearly marked, having notations on holidays, tax "due dates," school closings, with ample space to jot down personal notes. The calendar cover sports a large county map showing the election districts. Calendars can be obtained for a modest fee through a League member or by calling Mrs. Chester Buchanan at 449-7638.

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GHI Board to Weigh Lutheran's Request For Support on Nursing Home Proposal

by Al Skolnik

At its Thursday, Dec. 12, meeting, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors took under advisement a request by Holy Cross Lutheran Church for GHI support of a special zoning exception for a 200-bed nursing and care home for senior citizens on church property at 22-Ridge road. The board felt that it did not have enough facts to make a decision. The special exception will be heard on January 15 by the District Council.

In the interim, the GHI board will try to get answered such questions as to whether the exception would constitute a change in the character of the neighborhood and the degree to which the developer, Robert Johnson, would be bound by his plans for the area if the special exception were granted.

As explained by the Rev. Edward H. Birner and Darwin Beck, on behalf of the congregation, the 3½-acre property has been offered for sale to many parties, including the city, GHI, elderly housing groups and other churches. No buyers were found until Johnson approached the church with a proposal to buy the acreage along with two additional acres from the owners of parcel 2 (trustees: Burton Reiner, Theodore Lerner, and associates) — the vacant land between the church property and Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The sale would be contingent upon approval of a special exception which would permit construction of a commercial nursing care home.

Schwan Explains GHI Position

GHI president Charles Schwan said that GHI is very sympathetic to the need of the church to sell the land in order to help finance its new structure on Greenbelt Road. He also noted the board's sympathy for the purpose intended for the land, considering the county needs for nursing homes.

However, he said, the corporation was concerned over the possible impact on Ridge Road traffic and the effect of a special exception on zoning requests for nearby vacant land.

The Rev. Birner observed that the nursing home traffic is relatively light when compared to other types of development and would constitute mainly non-rush hour visitor traffic. He was supported in these views by GHI director Jim Smith but other GHI board members noted that there are also questions of service traffic and noise. A staff of about 40 persons is expected to service the 200-bed facility. The plans for the home call for buffer strips with 5 feet high minimum evergreen planting. (See city council story for description of structure).

Director John O'Reilly expressed the view that the property was not intended for commercial use and that it should be reserved for residential use. He saw no reason for location of the facility on this site, and he was joined by director Katherine Keene. Director Nat Shinderman said that the land was intended for public use and a nursing home could fall into this category.

Audit Committee Report

The board discussed a December 1 Audit Committee report which contained eight recommendations. The Audit Committee is elected by the membership at its annual May meeting (present members: Thomas White, John Leslie, and Janet James).

Five of the recommendations dealt with increasing the corporation's income, including those for increasing garage rental rates, delinquent fees, and the working capital assessment on future sales to reflect market value (as opposed

Help Calif. Grape Workers

To the Editor:

At this season of the year, there are many appeals to our sentimental feelings, including stories from Hans Christian Andersen and various other well-beloved and oft-told tales—and they add up to one thing: They want you to buy things, lots of things.

I also appeal to sentiment, such as a feeling for poor and hard-working people in our country, and for children who will not have a bounteous Holiday Season—and it adds up to one thing: I appeal to you to not buy something—California-grown table grapes.

The American farm-hand is a very low-paid worker, who furthermore does not enjoy fringe benefits such as paid holidays, paid vacation, health insurance, life insurance, sick pay, pensions, and all the other benefits we city workers have been able to win through collective bargaining. Nor does the farm worker enjoy many of the legislated welfare programs provided by city, county, state and nation, nor is he protected by very much of the protective legislation—such as minimum wage laws.

The California grape workers are trying to organize and bargain collectively for some of these things. They have succeeded a little in the wine-grape vineyards, but (except for one grower) the table-grape growers have refused to deal with their union.

The growers do not want to have to agree to provide a little more money, clean water out of clean cups to drink in the fields, sanitary toilet facilities (yes, your grapes are not always clean, and that holds true for other eat-out-of-hand fruits and vegetables, too), or any of the other benefits.

Unfortunately, though Candidate Nixon said the grape workers shouldn't boycott—they should go to the National Labor Relations Board and ask for an election to determine whether they really want a union, Nixon said—former House Education and Labor Committee Member Nixon had forgotten that farm workers are not covered by the National Labor Relations Act, and they are ineligible to ask the NLRB for anything.

When they (the workers) strike, the growers hire other very poor people to take their places in the field; in many cases, the replacements that have been hired are Mexican citizens who hold "green cards" that permit them to work in this country. "Green-carders" are not supposed to work where there is a labor dispute, but the growers have had enough political power to keep that law unenforced.

So the grape workers really have very little else they can do, in their struggle to win a modicum of dignity and a decent life, except to appeal to the rest of us to help them. We have so much, really. And it is so little of a sacrifice for

New Polling Place?

To the Editor:

At the December second meeting of City Council, Mr. Bill Barber requested that Council consider the establishment of a city polling place at Springhill Lake. Since residents of the Springhill Lake development comprise nearly one-half of the city population, this suggestion merits further discussion.

Presently, less than seven hundred Springhill Lake residents are registered to vote in city elections. However, more than 2,700 of these residents are eligible to vote in the general elections. This gap demonstrates a lack of involvement by tenants of Springhill Lake in the affairs of the Greenbelt community.

City Council has an opportunity and a responsibility to facilitate this involvement by providing regular registrations and a convenient polling place within the development. Fulfillment of this responsibility would display Council's interest and grant Springhill Lake residents the recognition they deserve as citizens of Greenbelt.

City Council will meet again on Monday, January 6, at 8 p.m. I urge all citizens of Greenbelt and, in particular, those who live in Springhill Lake to join Mr. Barber and myself in bringing this matter before the Council.

Very truly yours
Joel A. Katz

us to do without one delightful fruit when there are so many others available!

So, please, don't buy California table grapes.

Mathew K. Amberg

BAPTIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Youth Choir of Greenbelt Baptist Church under the direction of Mrs. S. Jasper Morris, Jr., will present the Christmas cantata, "The Prince of Peace," by E. L. Ashford, at the Evening Worship Hour at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 22. Interested friends are cordially invited to join the congregation of Greenbelt Baptist Church in participating in this program of worship and praise.

During the happy and holy Christmas season our prayer is that God will continue to bless our City of Greenbelt and all of its wonderful people.

Please remember the poor who are His special children. Courtesy of St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Hugh's.

Greenbelt Community Church
(United Church of Christ)
Hillside & Crescent Roads

Sun: 9:30 a.m. - Church School
Grades 5 and 6, Adult Bible Classes
10:45 a.m. - A Yuletide Service of Worship, the Rev. Johanna W. Stroetker, Minister of Christian Education, and Mr. Clarence Shaw, Minister of Music.
Church School: Child Care
2-B Hillside
Kindergarten - Fellowship Center
Primary - Social Hall
Tues: 7:30 p.m. - CHRISTMAS EVE. Special Music.
8:00 p.m. - Service of Candlelight and Communion. The Rev. Francis X. Pirazzini, guest minister.
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THE CHEER OF CHRISTMAS COMFORT YOU,
AND THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS ABIDE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

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Rev. Wm. E. Ravenscroft, Pastor Telephone: 474-9410
Church School 9:30 A.M.
(3rd grade thru adults)
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
(Nursery with classes thru 2nd grade)

9:45 A.M. Sunday School 6:00 P.M. Training Union
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship 7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
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County Disaster Ordinance Scheduled for Hearing

A proposed ordinance outlining special public safety powers for the Prince Georges County government during any emergency will be advertised for public hearing on January 21.

Described by Chairman Francis J. Aluisi as "a house-keeping action," the ordinance outlines a chain of command and emergency actions which can be taken by the Commissioners "for the promotion of public safety and . . . welfare" of County citizens.

Revised State law provides that the Commissioners must advertise all ordinances for 30 days and that emergency ordinances must be passed by two-thirds of the Board — four out of five members, who might not all be in town on any particular day.

Aluisi stressed "I don't want anyone to get the idea we are expecting any riots any more than we are expecting any natural disasters. We are just outlining the chain of command and authority to be exercised, rather than be in the position of having to act hurriedly, or without a full quorum, in case we ever need these provisions."

Provisions of the ordinance are similar to and combine those enacted separately by the Commissioners during the riots last spring in Washington and apply when "threatened or actual mob violence, or nuclear disaster, or natural catastrophe" cause "a clear and present danger."

The ordinance authorizes the Chairman of the Board to take emergency action, or the Vice-Chairman in his absence, or a majority of the Board "after public proclamation that a danger exists."

The Board may:
-impose a curfew
-prohibit the sale, exchange or giving away of alcoholic beverages, ammunition, explosives, gasoline, guns or kerosene
-prohibit bearing of firearms or explosives
-close streets
-execute "mutual aid agreements" with neighboring communities

A final provision in the ordinance authorizes the Board to appoint "person or persons" to insure a majority of the Board in case any members are incapacitated and establishes procedures to declare the County a civil defense or disaster area.

Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained from the office of the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, at the Courthouse in Upper Marlboro, MA 7-3000, Ext. 201.

Blue Light for Firemen

The Greenbelt Fire Department is experimenting with identification lights for the firemen in the community. These lights are blue and are mounted on the dashboards of two of the members' cars. When these lights are seen, we ask the citizens of Greenbelt to grant the right-of-way to these vehicles. This experiment has been approved by the Greenbelt Police Department.

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such a large semi-public institution would have on the character of Ridge Rd. and most particularly on the development of the remaining portion of Parcel 2 and Parcel 1 was the main point at issue in council's hesitancy to act on the Lutheran petition. Although Katherine Keene, GHI board member, expressed concern over such factors as increased traffic and the change in the view for nearby residents from an open vista to a fence- or tree-screened parking lot, all members of council were obviously most concerned with her final contention—that a 200-bed "hospital," as she called it, might someday be cited as the grounds for a change in zoning of the adjacent area.

Although expressing sympathy for the urgent financial needs of the Lutheran church and citing their many contributions to the community, council members were obviously relieved when Green, speaking for the Lutheran delegation, agreed to appear at the District Council meeting and request postponement till January of the hearing on the petition. For its part, council agreed to keep as short as possible the time needed for review of the proposal by the APB, GHI, and most particularly by city solicitor Emmett Nanna.

Brae Brooke Petition

A third petition for special exception, scheduled to be heard by the District Council on Tuesday, was not acted upon by council. This was a request for authorization of extra bedroom units for Brae Brooke Apartments on Glenn Dale Rd. near NASA. Mayor Smith spoke for council in stating that the area lies outside their immediate responsibility. Smith noted, however, that this position should not be construed as "indicating a lack of interest in changes in zoning east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway."

TRAFFIC TIPS

Always drive defensively. An average of one person every ten minutes dies in the Nation's traffic. We should not look upon this as a mere statistic but as people, just like you and just like me.

—Don't curse the weatherman: Check the weather forecast before starting long trips.

Season's Greetings

Meilleurs Voeux

Felices Fiestas

FROM THE STAFF



Twin Pines

(We close early
Christmas Eve)

Blue Birds' Play Enjoyed

On Monday, Dec. 9, the third grade Blue Birds from St. Hughes and North End schools presented a Christmas program, entitled "The Lost Christmas Cards," for their families. The play, under the direction of Mrs. Leal Wiley, included all 15 members of the group. Props were generously loaned by the Greenbelt Post Office, and added greatly to the production.

The girls in the cast were: Lori Anderson, Deanna Elliott, Cheryl Bordeaux, Lynda Davis, Sarah Kelley, Jane Locicero, Marsha McKenny, Dianna Vaughn, Robin Finizio, Ellen O'Brien, Ellen Geiger, Christine Pizzi, Regina Bram, Paula Puccio, Dawn Oilverson.

Before parents arrived for the 7:30 presentation, the girls had a supper of hot dogs and lemonade in the Co-op Hospitality Room, and had much fun with their dress rehearsal. After the play, punch and cookies were enjoyed by all, and the girls exchanged Christmas gifts.

The group is under the leadership of Mrs. Tobin Finizio, assisted by Mrs. Nancy Puccio and Mrs. Ann Kelley.

Polaschik-Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Polaschik, 12-D Ridge, announce the engagement of their daughter Betty to LTJG Norman D. Smith, ESSA, of Danielson, Connecticut. An April wedding is planned.

Cafeteria Opening

The North End School cafeteria opened on Monday. Lunch for children will be 35 cents per meal, including milk. Weekly menus will be sent home each Friday.

No definite date for the opening of Center School cafeteria has been set.

SPRING ADMISSIONS DEADLINE GIVEN

Students interested in applying for admission to the spring semester at Prince George's Community College should submit applications by January 2 and submit all the necessary credentials by January 15.

Spring semester classes begin February 3.

Application information may be obtained by calling 336-6000, ext. 201, or writing the Prince George's Community College, 301 Largo Road, Largo, Md., 20870.

Gala New Year's Eve Party

By

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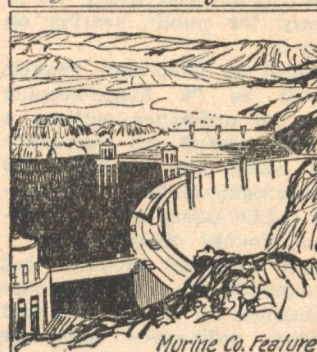
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will unveil its new public ice-skating rink on Saturday, December 21. Located in the athletic complex of the Commission's Wheaton Regional Park, the new facility has an artificially refrigerated 85 x 200-foot ice surface which is under roof, but open at the sides. The new rink — which the Commission notes is the largest in the Washington-Metropolitan Area — also features a large warming house complete with snack bar, skate rental, lockers and rest rooms.

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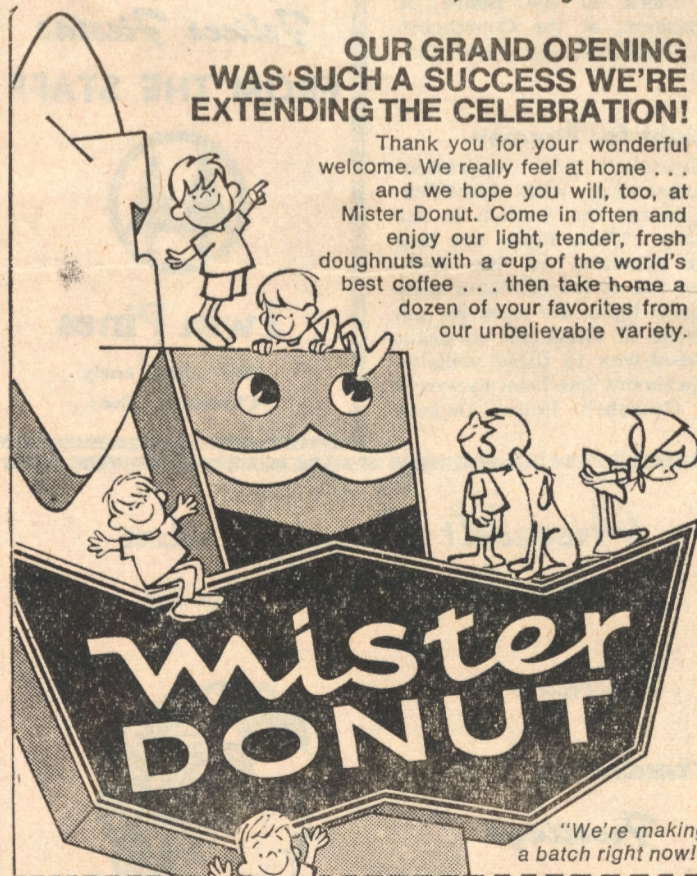
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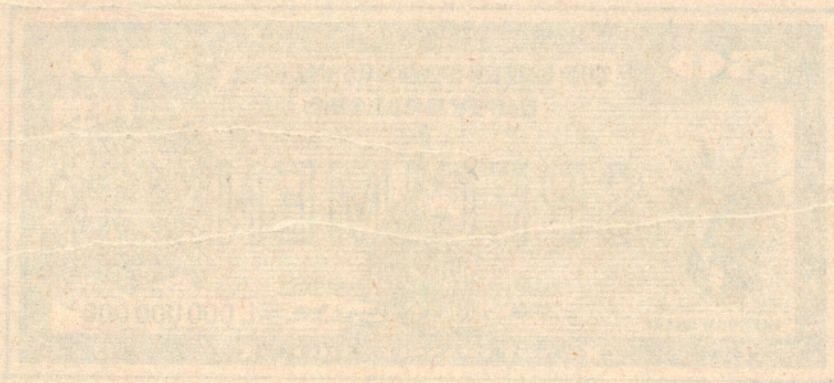
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In a session that was not decided until the last board, Sam and Claire Jacobs emerged victorious at last Friday's duplicate bridge gathering. Second place went to the team of Lou and Lucille Lushine. Because of the holidays, the next game will not be held until Friday, January 10.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Ron Dick, 8022 Lakecrest. Dianne Marie made her debut on December 6, weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. She joins a sister, Katherine Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goodall announce the birth of their first grandchild, Tina Marie, born Dec. 12.

The Police Blotter

Friday at 4:15 p.m. the Greenbelt Theater will be the scene of the annual Christmas party given by the Police Department for all of the Greenbelt school safety patrols. Chief Lane will attend to thank the students for their excellent work all year. There will be cartoons, refreshments, and a gift for each patrol.

Several reports of wallet thefts have already been reported. Chief Lane again recommends watching wallets and purses when in stores. He also suggests that Christmas packages not be left in cars unattended. Although there have been no reports of stolen gifts yet, the police anticipate many such calls over the next week.

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It was the culmination of a three-year effort Dec. 13 when Prince Georges County Commission Chairman Francis J. Aluisi and U. S. Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd signed the final agreement for establishment of a "park and ride" railroad station in the County.

Designed to service the new, high-speed passenger trains on the Penn-Central system between Washington and New York, the Capital Beltway Metropark will be constructed at the intersection of the railroad and the Beltway, near Route 50, at Lanham.

The \$1.7 million costs will be shared, with the Federal government contributing one million dollars plus for relocation of track and construction of the platforms and station, as well as a pedestrian underpass beneath the rails. The State of Maryland contributed the site, valued at \$500,000 and the County share of \$128,000 will go for access road and parking lot construction and lighting.

Twenty-four hour parking will be provided at the Beltway station, with attendants and security forces on duty at all times at the fenced-in parking area.

Trains, running at speeds approaching 150 miles per hour, will make the Washington-New York run in under three hours, according to the demonstration project specifications.

The County has developed a time-table with Penn-Central for closing or relocating grade crossings along that portion of the line within Prince Georges County because of increased danger from the high-speed travel.

County Public Works Administrator John H. Marburger, Jr., will advertise for bids for construction of the County share of the project immediately and expects work to begin in February, with completion in about 90 days—depending on weather.

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The Greenbelt Lions will again usher in the New Year with a host of Lions and ladies and their friends and neighbors for their annual New Year's Eve Dance at the Greenbelt Armory. District Governor Mike Michelsen and some of his official family will also join in the fun for this increasingly popular festive occasion.

The Armory will be decorated to the hilt to provide a real holiday atmosphere, complete with white tablecloths and candles on the tables. Decorative hats and noisemakers will add to the spirit of the evening. Over the years this has become a meeting place for the Lions of 22-C to usher in the New Year.

City of Greenbelt, Md.

Police Department

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| Greenhill Road | 3 |
| Crescent Road | 11 |
| Lakeside Drive | 3 |
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City Notes

The municipal Christmas tree will be officially lighted Friday evening. All other Christmas decorations for the city will also be in place by tomorrow—most particularly the wreath on the main door of the Municipal Building. As in past years, the city's ladder truck has been used not only to decorate the city's tree but also the GHI tree near the Southway entrance to town. The city of Bowie also borrows the truck annually to put up their municipal decorations.

During the holiday period the city offices will close at noon Tuesday both weeks and reopen the day after Christmas and New Year's.

Besides tree trimming, the Public Works Dept. took care of other seasonal and unseasonal projects. They made a special effort to clean up collections of leaves throughout the city, patched a bad section of pavement at Crescent and Eastway, graded the west slope of the settling basin near Prince James Way to make it less steep, and continued with tree planting in Boxwood Village. In the Youth Center they installed a partition in the control room to make a small office for the new director.

The large city truck has been returned from Baltimore, where an automatic salting device had been installed. The city is now more than ready for the first snowfall.

The exterior of the Municipal Services Building is now substantially complete. External steel beams in the garage building are being painted black. Inside the building electricians, plumbers, and painters are at work.

The heavy winds on Thursday, Dec. 5, brought out the Public Works crew to clear away branches and downed trees. But the major repair job belonged to the Pepco crew, who were called in to fix a transformer damaged when a falling tree in Springhill Lake fell across power lines. Both the Greenbelt Junior High School and Center School were blacked out for about an hour, as was the Elks Club on Kenilworth Ave. south of Calvert Rd.

The major project of the Public Works Dept. last week was street repair. Two chuckholes along the original portion of Edmonston Rd. in Springhill Lake were patched, as well as two places in Edmonston extended, along the Beltway, where surface paving had failed.

Leaf clean-up is receiving top priority this week in trash collection. Regular trash collection is back on schedule after some difficulties when one of the garbage trucks broke down. This problem will be alleviated in the near

Lions Support Eye Bank

by C. M. Cormack

The Lions Eye Bank and Research Foundation is financed by contributions from the sixty-six clubs in this Lions District and by several District sponsored projects. One of the projects, recently completed, is the annual International Horse Show at the D. C. Armory.

Three-fourths of the proceeds from the sales of tickets by Lions for one evening's performance are turned over to the Eye Bank.

In support of this project the Greenbelt Lions Club purchased a number of tickets equal to that of the clubs' membership. (49 in all)

Sixteen of these tickets were donated to the High Point High School Riding Club and another fifteen were given to the Camp Fire Girls. A number of local youth were thus afforded the opportunity of attending this colorful and exciting demonstration of horsemanship, including plain and fancy riding and jumping, while at the same time the Greenbelt Lions Club was able to contribute \$147.00 to a very worthy cause, the LIONS EYE BANK and RESEARCH FOUNDATION.

4-H Clubs Sponsor Dog Obedience Courses

Prince Georges boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 15 have the opportunity to enroll in beginning and advanced dog training classes sponsored by the county 4-H clubs. Classes begin on Saturday, January 11, 1969, at 9 a.m., at the Quonset Hut, University of Maryland, and will continue every Saturday morning for 12 weeks.

For more information call the 4-H Club Office, 736-0428. Registration closes January 3, 1969.

future when a new garbage truck is delivered. The old truck will be retained on a standby basis, for use when either of the other two trucks must be sidelined for repairs.

Walls, roof, and sides of the prefabricated paint spray booth in the Municipal Services Building have now been installed. Installation of electrical wiring for wall outlets and light fixtures is in progress. Heating is being installed, and all windows and doors, with the exception of the front door, are now in place. City officials are looking to a February completion date on the project.

Trenches for concrete footings have been excavated at the Firehouse for the new addition.

A group of Girls Scouts worked at Greenbelt Lake on Saturday, along with some members of a city crew, to clear away litter and debris along the lake bottom.

Recreation Review

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Santa Claus will visit the Youth Center on Friday, December 20 from 1 to 2:30 for pre-schoolers and St. Hugh's children and from 3:30 to 5:30 for other elementary school children. Cartoons will be shown in the Multi-Purpose room from 1 to 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Skating Schedule will be as follows: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, graders will skate from 9 to 10:30 and 4th, 5th, 6th graders from 10:30-noon and teens from 12:30 to 2:00 on Dec. 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, and 31st. Beginning January 3rd, with 5th & 6th grade skating, our schedule will go back to the usual Monday, Wednesday, Friday skating. Open Gym will be held as follows: 7 to 10 p.m., Dec. 20; 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 21; 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 22; 2 to 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 23 and 27; 7 to 10, Dec. 29; 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 30 and 31.

Christmas Invitational Tournament will be held on Dec. 27 from 7 to 10 p.m.; Dec. 28 from 12:30 to 10 p.m. and the finals will be held on Sunday, Dec. 29 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. In the event these games finish early each day, open gym will be held until closing.

The Youth Center will be closed to the public on Christmas and New Years Eve and Day.

House and Yard Decorations will be judged throughout the holidays. The final judging will be on Thursday evening, December 26. Two classes will be judged—house/yard and window. Fruit cakes will be given for first and second places in each class. The winners will be announced in the News Review and given their cakes during the holidays.

Greenbelt Chucks will meet from 9 to noon on Dec. 21, 28 and Jan. 4. The regular noon to 3 schedule will resume on Jan. 11.

Girls Basketball

Any girls interested in playing league basketball should get in touch with the Recreation Department. We hope to enter this league in the Prince George's County League.

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Special Channukah Evening Scheduled

A special Channukah evening, featuring a guest speaker and a latkes party, will begin at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, December 21, at Congregation Mishkan Torah (Jewish Community Center). Entrance is free and visitors are cordially welcome.

The main speaker will be Dr. Nicholas Short, a NASA scientist who happened to be in Prague during the Russian invasion. His hotel was on Wenceslas Square, the center of student demonstration and general resistance. His personal account of what he saw and experienced will be accompanied by slides.

The evening is sponsored by the Men's Club of Mishkan Torah and will begin with the kindling of the Channukah lights and with an address by Rabbi Maurice Weisenberg on "The Meaning of Freedom." Following Dr. Short's talk there will be a latkes party and social. The latkes—potato pancakes that are traditional for the holiday.—will be prepared by members of the Men's Club and will be served hot and fresh at no charge, together with other refreshments.

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TO BUILD BETTER SCHOOLS MORE ECONOMICALLY AND MORE QUICKLY, AN INCREASING NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES ARE TURNING TO STEEL PANEL SYSTEMS...

MODERN SCHOOL BUILDINGS MADE OF PRE-ENGINEERED STEEL COMPONENTS ARE EFFICIENT... ECONOMICAL... DURABLE... ATTRACTIVE... AND FLEXIBLE. COLORFUL AND STYLISH, THESE BUILDINGS OFFER UNIQUE VALUE AND FLEXIBILITY THAT IS AS POPULAR WITH TAXPAYERS AS WITH EDUCATORS. SUCH STRUCTURES CAN BE READILY EXTENDED SHOULD FUTURE NEEDS WARRANT IT.

OPERABLE PUSH-BUTTON CONTROLLED PARTITIONS AND MOVEABLE WALLS PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY AND ECONOMY THROUGH MULTIPLE USE OF SPACE... THE SCHOOL LITERALLY RESHAPES ITSELF TO MEET THE VARYING NEEDS OF EDUCATION.

